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Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing.

Season's Greetings

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The Symbolism of Christmas

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CONSIDERING Christmas from its historical side, we know that the birth of Jesus did not occur at this season. There are no records that tell definitely when He was born. Not even the year is a matter of certainty, but the most careful writers tell us that they are sure there is an error of four or five years, and that Jesus was born four or five years before the commonly accepted date.

The fact is that long before the birth of Jesus the so-called pagans observed this season as a festival time. All nations had their deities and knew something of the working of the universal law. The Romans, the Celts, and the Germans had an inner perception of a change taking place in the universal outflow of life, intelligence, and power, at this season of the year. Back in the remotest histories and legends of the race we can trace the festivals of the winter solstice.

We are told by astronomers that at this time of the year there is a change in the relation of the earth to the sun. Up to the 22d of December the days grow shorter, and there is a gradual withdrawal of warmth and life until that time, when a renewal takes place, the sun becomes brighter, and new life springs up. At the same time there is universal rejoicing and feasting over the storing away of the harvest of the year. Man knows by experience that there will be a period of cold and darkness before the new life and light, which is springing up within, can make itself manifest without.

The pagans were without an understanding of the spiritual meaning of the new birth that is the Christian's Christmas, and when the Christian world and the Gentile world united in the observance of the day, a certain compromise was made, and the customs of both were dovetailed together, so that we have with us many pagan rites and ceremonies. The Christians had to adopt the pagan date, and the pagans had to accept the Christian symbols, in part at least, as representative of the birth of the Saviour and had to admit into their observance of the time the carols and many of the mystical ideas associated with His birth.

What is symbolized by the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem ("house of bread") of Judea? What is the meaning of the coming of the Wise Men, the appearance of the star to the shepherds, and all the other mysterious symbols? They all have reference to the coming forth in each individual man of the ideal man.

We all represent a certain state of consciousness

and there is eternal progress. Every man must be born again, born of the Spirit, born from above. Every man must realize this before he can come into the real life and know himself as he is. Before the new birth a man has a partial idea of himself as he is in a certain stage of his development. When he is born again, when he begins to understand the real, spiritual man, and to know that there is an omnipresent good in which he lives and has his being, he comes into the full light and knows himself spiritually. This is the descent into consciousness of the higher self, the birth of the Christ.

Some men are so perfect, so representative of the great life, so like the law that we cannot discern the difference. These are the perfect expression and manifestation of the law. Jesus was such a man, because He had rounded out the race evolution. The divine man, which Jesus brought forth, must be born into the consciousness of every man, and we must all stand joint heirs in God's kingdom with Him. This is the teaching of Christianity, and this new birth in man is what we celebrate at Christmas.

Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, represents substance and life. It is the place in the subconsciousness, down among the despised "animal forces," where the Christ is formed. Jesus was brought forth in a manger among the cattle. When the new life is quickening in the body, it is despised and considered a mere animal force, and Herod (sense consciousness), fearing its power, seeks to kill it. We find on all sides thoughts that would do away with this new child in consciousness. The Wise Men from the East are the true thoughts of the all-providing, all-protecting

within, coming and going unobserved, yet bringing rich gifts.

This new birth is a matter of realization in each soul. Everyone must know for himself the all-encompassing presence. Be true to the law and watch for the quickening of your spiritual body. Do not leave it to the Herod thoughts, but obey the promptings of the universal protection; let it be nourished and kept so that you may attain your full stature in Christ. The divine life working in you is the magnet through which the divine good will supply your every need.

Walt Whitman said, "I celebrate myself." When people heard this they said, "Here is an egotist; put him out." When Jesus arose in the synagogue and read the passage from Isaiah referring to the Messiah He said, "I am the fulfillment of this Scripture," and the people cried, "Put him out."

These men were not understood. They were proclaiming that which is true of the real man. The real self is both individual and universal, and it is right for the individual to celebrate himself. This is what men do when they find there is something within them above the personal consciousness. Man is Spirit. Everyone should rejoice greatly in this, and should seek to bring forth his divine nature under the law. If we think only of the historical Jesus we do not celebrate ourselves. If the occurrences in Jesus' life are not of today, they have no special significance. We must perceive that the real man is constantly coming forth. This is the meaning of Christmas. It does not belong to the past; it is a vital, living present Truth.

Jesus was a man like unto us, yet there was something different in Him. The time seemed to be ripe for the advent into the race of a new kind of man. The thought of all Israel had long been concentrated upon the coming of one who should be the Messiah, and all the virgins hoped for the honor of bringing him forth. All this should be applied to the individual consciousness. You know the law of mind, and understand how an idea held in mind takes form in substance and finds expression. In this way the Christ man is brought forth. The I AM is constantly bringing forth: first is the idea in mind and then the representation of that idea. If you are an artist, you make a rough sketch before painting the final picture. If you are a sculptor, you first make a plaster cast of your ideal statue before you begin to give it form in marble. In this order everything is made. In this way man is made.

The 1st and 2d chapters of Genesis are very puzzling until you understand the law of mind action. The first chapter tells that man was made perfect; the second says "there was not a man to till the ground." The first chapter describes creation in the ideal. The first man is the spiritual idea, the perfect man, the Christ. This creation is complete, finished, and "very good." The second creation is the manifestation of the perfect-man idea, and its degree of perfection depends upon the person who expresses it.

The Lord God "formed man of the dust of the ground." This was the first model of man by the Great Sculptor. This primitive perfect-man idea was given life and feeling. The Lord God "breathed

into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." But this man was a long way from the perfect man brought forth in Jesus Christ.

Jesus and Christ jointly form the perfect man: Christ the ideal, Jesus the manifestation. Jesus was above the average man because of His fuller realization of what man is. We have been identified with the Adam man long enough. We have called ourselves "dust" and have reaped the consequences. Let us call ourselves Christ and attain perfection. By seeing our perfection in mind we shall project it into visibility.

This is being about the Father's work. It is not the vanity of the personal man that leads us to look upon our perfection but the wisdom of Divine Mind. If we are coarse and crude in appearance, it shows that we have been lax in thought. We have not discerned the Lord's body. Man is just beginning to learn how to make a perfect body. He is just now coming into an understanding of the laws of mind that are to bring into manifestation the body of Christ. So long as he has a crude, material idea of body, so long will he bring forth a crude kind of man. By following Jesus we produce the perfect character, and out of the perfect character will come the perfect body.

So we celebrate the good in ourselves and in all men. Spiritual understanding leads us to look back of the appearance and see the "image and likeness" in all men. The bringing forth of the Christ Child is not a work that was finished in Bethlehem. It is taking place in our midst every day. It is this we celebrate.

When the Christ consciousness is born in your soul you will know the meaning of the Christmas festival.

The new birth is not a matter of outward observation, and you may not know just when it takes place in yourself. There was no room at the public inn for Mary, and her son was born in a cave stable.

Mary is the soul that magnifies the Lord daily in the temple and through her devotions prepares herself for the higher life.

The higher life is a higher state of mind. It exists as the soul of God, and we know it when we realize the I AM, the Son of God.

You may have to "magnify the Lord" in your temple a long time before the "sun of righteousness" bursts forth. This birth of the Christ consciousness at the soul center, the holy place within, is a very high attainment. Devotees of religious cults in all ages have willingly made every human sacrifice to reach it. The difference between the Son of man and the Son of God is here defined. The Son of man is the mind of change, with its transitory temple. This son goes to and fro in the universe seeking the heavenly place and finding it not. When this son perceives that harmony is not a place but a condition of exhalted consciousness, his soul begins to purify itself.

Pray for the perfect. Meditate upon the pure. Affirm the fearless and secretly dwell in the place of the Most High. In imagination see yourself the prince of God. "We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory."

Our Unused Cells

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IN EVERY human brain there are millions of cell that are never exercised in thought. They li dormant and unused, sometimes throughout th entire life of the individual. This means that ever one has capacities and powers that are never usec wonderful powers that are never unfolded.

Many of us go through life in unpleasant er vironments, doing tasks that are uncongenial. W long to accomplish the great things that others ar doing. We wish that we had been endowed with th brains and ability to rise above our present statio in life and be able to take our place by the side c those whose qualities and deeds we admire.

Once again we may be privileged to quote tha significant saying "You will be what you will to be. We can do what others have done.

What we select and appropriate to ourselves be comes a part of our mental growth, good or othe wise, whether we desire the results it produces or no

Many times in choosing the kind of growth w want we do not put to use the powers that tend t produce the growth we have chosen. In that case th desired results are not obtained. When we choo the line of mental growth that we desire and follo this with earnest effort, the powers we use are d veloped and become a part of our structure.

Substance is all about us and within us; we ha at hand all the materials we need for growth. If v

ıre surrounded by a world of substance and refuse :o use what it offers us, or if we use it wrongly we ıave no one but ourselves to blame.

Let us open the door to this deep and limitless knowledge and power which lies within us, this knowledge and power that reveals the magnitude ınd wonder of our true self. Then as we come into he realization of our oneness with all this knowledge and power we shall know that there are no imitations imposed upon us. We shall know that all of the power within us can be developed. Through constructive thought and action we can arouse every cell to send forth a current of helpful, uplifting influence. The prospect of development is boundless; only in the complete one-ness of the creature with he Creator can it find its consummation.

The inner realm of every individual is carefully guarded. Only if he is sincere and worthy can he ind a way to promote its growth. Sincerity, self-knowledge, self-denial, self-discipline, obedience, ınd service are steps on the path to unfoldment and spiritual development. Knowledge as well as happiness must be earned.

By maintaining unswerving faith in the justice of divine law, by keeping aglow the light of higher deals, by banishing doubt and fear from our houghts we can overcome the obstacles in the way ınd realize the goal of every worthy ambition. The Creator did not intend man to be a "worm of the dust." He intended him to be something, know the oy and fullness of the life more abundant, to become even as the Creator Himself is.

A stage of development is marked when the

desire is awakened in us to know and to understand the hidden forces of nature, when we long to know who we really are and what is our relation to the universe. Such desire once awakened is never silenced. It is the voice of the divine seeking expression through the mind and thought of the individual.

When we have once chosen the divine standard by which to develop ourselves, we must be prepared to encounter entirely new conditions in our life. At the very beginning we must meet ourselves face to face, find out just what our real goal is, and start toward it. When we have centered ourselves in the Infinite we have made a direct connection with the great powerhouse of the universe. We can now constantly draw on power. Being connected with cosmic power, our every thought attracts more power. By thinking only along the lines of strength, power and might we link ourselves to the cosmic force about us. All visible occurrences are but the inevitable consequences of the stored-up collection or combination of our thoughts. High thinking, steadily pursued, elevates the consciousness and transforms the thinker.

When we set our steps upon the path that leads toward mastery we have signified our willingness and intention to permit the higher self, the divine self to govern our every thought and action. This willingness enlists the cosmic forces to work with us for the fulfilment of our desire. The reason why chaotic conditions seem many times to follow us on our entrance upon the path is that we have bidden the higher self to take charge of us, to manifest itself in and through us, to control our life, yet we find

difficult to lay aside the demands of the little personal self, which hinders us in our progress. Some little slight is magnified, some grief becomes overwhelming. Self-pity and self-concern creep in; self occupies our attention and weights us with a burden.

In the Creator's scheme of things there is no such thing as a burden. When we feel the weight of a burden resting heavily upon us, it is only because we do not understand our oneness with the whole; we do not recognize and manifest our own divinity or our own place in the divine plan. Let us endeavor to understand that all the things to which we cling merely for the sake of bringing pleasure to our personal self act only as hindrances to us along the way of our progress toward mastery. The little personal self must become the servant, the higher self the master. The road to attainment is only for the sincere and the strong. To attain the goal of mastery that we have set before us we must overcome all thoughts of personal grievances and hurt feelings.

The whole of the unbounded universe is ours, but only to the extent that our developed capacity lays hold of our good can we receive it. The spiritual world should not be thought of as something that has to do only with a future life. True, the spiritual world is there, but it is also here. We are living in eternity now just as much as we shall be. It is often thought that when the physical body is laid aside, great spiritual progress can be made at a bound. On either plane our thought world is our only real world. It will be our only real world after we leave this plane. By our thoughts today we determine what our future mental and physical states will be.

When we have received a certain stage of our evolution we realize that all we gain in spiritual progress or development is something to be shared with others; it is not for ourselves alone. The more we pass on to others the wider becomes the channel through which new and continually deeper knowledge flows to us. If we dam up all of this spiritual knowledge within ourselves, the mind will soon become like a stagnant pool. If the higher light has fallen upon us and we are able to assimilate it and respond to it, then we need to ask ourselves whether we have not received it to use it in the service of others.

A teacher has said: "Let us not complain and cry and pray, but let us open our eyes and see. The light is all about us, if we will only remove the bandages from our eyes and look; it is always with us, so wonderful, so glorious, so far beyond anything that man has ever dreamed of or prayed for, and it is forever and forever."

The Path of Desire

Men move toward that at which they look;
  Their footprints mark the way they gaze;
And that which most a man desires
  Approaches him through all his days.

Who wants one thing above all else
  Enlists the heavens on his side;
And if his eye is single kept,
  He will not ever be denied!

—*Sheldon Shepard*

Good Samaritans Today

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NO STORY in the Bible has more appeal for us than the story of the good Samaritan. None has more realistic and valid application for us today. We picture a man who fell among thieves and was robbed of all he had and left to die. In our mind's eye we see the proud, self-righteous men approach him, notice him, and then pass by on the other side. Then we see the good Samaritan come. He has compassion on the man, he binds up his wounds, sets him on his own mount, and takes him to the inn where he provides for his care.

From this account the good Samaritan emerges as our ideal. From his acts we see the good Samaritan as a successful man in the finest sense of the word. He was not troubled by the fears, uncertainties, or callous indifference of the men who had passed by before him; or if he was troubled by these feelings, he did not permit them to control his action. He had the courage, strength, power to help, and he had the compassion to act.

Compassion is a word we do not often hear today. It is a beautiful word, full of gentle understanding, healing love, and selfless devotion that blesses the needy in body and spirit. We remember how Jesus had compassion on the multitude, for He had an infinite capacity to put Himself in the place of another person and to feel what he was experiencing. "I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of

the house of Israel," He once said. He had compassion on the children, on nearly all He met, even on the thieves beside Him on the cross.

We know that the good Samaritan must have started before this incident occurred to prepare himself to act as he did that day, for "the good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things." His preparation began in right thinking, in deeds of understanding service to his fellow men. He was prepared beforehand to act as he did on this occasion. He did not need to wait until his philanthropy could be noticed, as many men do. The men who passed by on the other side may have helped had they been sent out with a band of influential townsmen, bent on rescuing the traveler. But when they were required to take the stand alone they were "weighed in the balances, and . . . found wanting."

It has been pointed out so often that intellectually we may know that a principle or rule is a good one and yet fail to apply it by acting on it. In fact this lag between what we know and what we do is the cause of much of our difficulty. Unless we have compassion in addition to knowledge of what needs to be done we may never have the greatness of heart to follow the course of the good Samaritan today.

An army chaplain returned to this country after surviving the Bataan "death march," the bombing from under him of three different ships, and the miseries of prison camps. He was in several hospitals before he was able to return to his church. He said that he had been disappointed to discover how many persons are still living only for themselves. He said that the main aim of their life seems to be to h

the jack pot. He warned that no world problems can be solved by our thinking only of ourselves—too many of us are still passing by on the other side! He said also that we shall never succeed until we begin to give more consideration to the "big boss." He said that nothing but God's help enabled him to return from the prison where he had experienced privation, slavery, and persecution.

In seeking to follow the way of the good Samaritan we may feel that we do not know how to proceed. Dr. George Washington Carver tells of feeling this way. He learned how to proceed by asking "Mr. Creator" the great questions that have puzzled wise men of every generation.

"What is the world?" he asked.

"That's too big for you," the answer seemed to flash back at him.

"What is man?"

"That's too big for you."

"Well, here is a peanut; surely that is not too big. What is a peanut?" He turned the peanut over in his hand. He went to work to analyze the humble peanut, sustained by his constant conversation with God, and he found ways in which the peanut could be put to new uses.

The world knows the success of Doctor Carver's research into the uses of the peanut. He benefited not only the South, as he had hoped to do, but the whole world. He found hundreds of uses for the peanut as the result of asking a simple question and then setting out to answer that question with minute-by-minute, reverent dependence on the help of the Creator.

Surely if a mind as great as Doctor Carver's could start so humbly to study a tiny seed like a peanut, so often made the symbol of insignificance, every man can take heart as he looks with new eyes at his own home, his place of work, his opportunity to serve. He may well wonder what miracles are locked within them, awaiting the magic of faith and devoted effort to uncover them.

No matter what our cherished good, even material good we must learn the lesson of the good Samaritan today. Only as the world prospers as a whole can the individual prosper. Unless we live in a stable, progressive civilization we shall not know the fullest happiness. Fortunately few of us want to live in idleness, ease, indifference while the rest of the world suffers. Our men who fought in the last war in all parts of the world did not do so to give us more gadgets, more push buttons. They fought to make possible a better world, where there is more freedom from want and fear. Like the good Samaritan a great body of people in the world ardently wish to do the best possible for their fellow men.

The compassion of the good Samaritan is being shown today not only in the lives of great men who advance the frontiers of human happiness as a whole but in the kindly efforts of people of average ability who have hearts "as big as all outdoors." Their efforts to weave bright threads into care-filled lives lift the spirits of men into a new world because of the realization that someone cares about their welfare.

A single woman I know who has known sorrow of her own has been a good Samaritan to men in

veterans' hospital for more than twenty years. She first went there during World War I because a member of her family was there. She began to do errands for the other men too and to bake birthday cakes for them, write their letters, entertain their visiting families. Her home was the scene of many weddings as the veterans recovered and left the hospital. Letters come to her from a host of friends all over the world who will never forget her. For more than twenty years she has continued her unselfish work, visiting the lonely, comforting the sick. To many who have turned to her for help she has seemed like a real angel, leading them back to light and life.

A group of women took over as a project the feeding of the men in another veterans' hospital who were not able to feed themselves. It took a full hour to feed each man his meal. The women patiently fed the men three times a day, seven days a week. During the time when hospitals were very short of nurses these women performed a double service, for they released nurses to assist other patients. They acted on the true pattern of the good Samaritan, gladly serving the veterans who stood between this country and the devastation of war.

A whole town wondered what it could do to aid bombed-out Europe. Its citizens decided to adopt a town in Europe and restore it to normal living. Each one, they decided, would try to help a European person in his own kind of work. The mechanic would write to a mechanic and try to help him, a grocer would write to a grocer. They planned carefully and set to work to gather food, seeds, implements, trucks, tools, clothing. The collection of articles and funds

they gathered far surpassed their hopes, and a grateful European town sent back grateful letters telling how it had been given a new start. Bonds of understanding were forged between the people of both towns, and those who helped knew the blessing that comes only to those who are good Samaritans.

Often men and women are turned to new ways of life because they see a new vision of their life through the eyes of the one who has had compassion on them. A chaplain under fire on the battlefield crawled out to a shell hole where he saw a soldier had been badly hit. "Shall I read to you from the New Testament?" he asked, seeking to comfort the dying soldier.

"Get me a drink."

Without hesitation the chaplain crawled the dangerous distance back to the lines and returned. He held the water to the young man's lips and when he had drunk asked again, "Shall I read now?"

The soldier raised his head and looked at him. "If there's anything in that book that makes you do what you've just done, for God's sake read."

"If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them," Jesus said. We have to know about the things that are important, but there must follow a feeling about them on our part. There must also be action on our part. A speaker said recently that the need today is not to work up excitement and feeling about religion but to get back to the knowledge of why there is a need of it. But it is not enough for Christians to be intellectual. Unless knowledge carries over into compassion, little ever happens.

Without compassion we may become like the

Russian countess who sat in the theater weeping over the sad plight of a character in the play while her own coachman sat outside in the bitter cold, nearly frozen as he waited for her. Yet she gave him no thought.

Many say that it is worse to know and do nothing than not to know at all. It is like a farmer plowing and never planting. Unless we do what we know we should do we are worse than failing.

Compassion can become a way of living: a good act performed each day, a sharp retort held back, a critical comment withheld, the encouragement of good will and harmony in the family, among friends, acquaintances, and strangers. Each in his own place can become one of today's good Samaritans. He can ease the way of another, bind up his wounds, show him a richer, more abundant life by his example.

There is a song that reminds us that we "shall not pass again this way." The opportunity to be kind to those we see today does not always return. Later we may look back and wish that we had acted with compassion, faith, and hope.

It is from cultivating compassion that we learn higher wisdom. It is easy to blame, but it is more useful to lend real assistance, and often it takes about the same amount of time and effort. We can travel new ways with joy and confidence, and our "desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" when we begin to follow the road of life trod by the good Samaritan.

The Almighty giveth me life.—JOB

Adventures in Faith

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FAITH, says the dictionary, is a conviction that a thing unproved by evidence is true.

"Now faith is assurance of *things* hoped for, a conviction of things not seen," says Paul.

Practically every Bible reader knows and loves Paul's great sermon on faith, and all agree that for the early Christian faith was a vital necessity. Does not Paul say: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

We are no less strangers and pilgrims today, all seeking the city that hath foundations, and in our matter-of-fact day faith takes more nourishing and cultivating than it did when Paul wrote his wonderful message on faith to the Hebrews.

Indeed Paul might have been talking to our generation when he wrote "Take heed, brethren, lest haply there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief." Evidently Paul linked unbelief or lack of faith with evil and sin.

It was Paul who gave us that vivid description of Abraham's faith: "Looking unto the promise of God, he [Abraham] wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory tc God."

The word "waver" gives us a picture of how un stable and vacillating we are when we lack faith

When we refuse to accept our heritage of faith we do indeed waver amid a maze of doubt.

Not only Abraham but many another patriarch had the faith that overcomes. They had a vision of God through the law, more directly through the visions of their seers, but they did not know of the era of grace that we know of through Jesus.

Faith ran like Rahab's crimson cord down through the reigns of the kings of Israel and Judah. True there would be a break now and then, as one or another of the kings remembered not the God of their father David, but always someone arose who called the Hebrews back to worship of the one God.

One of the most comforting statements in the Bible is a rather negative one to the effect that God forsook the Hebrews because they forsook God. God never turned away from them, and He always rewarded faith.

It is amazing to me to note how the various kings died and how their people honored them in their death. Those who held to the faith of their fathers were buried in the sepulchres of the kings, with honors and with the burning of sweet-smelling ointments and scents. According to our standards, both David and Asa had faults, just as many of us have today. But they had faith, they believed God, and we are told that their hearts were perfect (toward God) all the days of their lives.

Twice Asa's faith failed, and both times he suffered because of his failure. A seer told him once on the eve of battle: "Thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on Jehovah thy God." Asa was defeated in the battle.

When he was old he was stricken with a serious foot ailment. God had healing for him if he had claimed it; but once again we read: "Yet in his disease he sought not to Jehovah, but to the physicians."

If he had sought God first he would perhaps not have needed the services of the physicians. All honor to the men and women who devote their lives to the healing art; the world could not do without them. Even now a very small part of the world seeks the Lord for physical healing. A very small part have the faith to reach out and claim their heritage.

Jesus Himself at the moment of one of His greatest miracles, the raising of a dead man, prayed first and thanked God because God heard him. Jesus thanked His Father for the answer before it came. Faith is the evidence of things not seen.

To me one of the most poignant incidents in the life of Jesus is one recorded of Him after He had returned from one of His missionary journeys outside Palestine. He had been triumphantly successful. Greeted everywhere by thronging crowds, He had healed multitudes as a matter of routine. He must have come home warm with a glow of happiness. The results had truly been the seal of approval of His heavenly Father.

Then He came back to His own people, and we read, "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Lack of faith defeated even the Son of God. "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." There was no lack of faith on His part. Mark tells us: "He marvelled because of their unbelief."

But how different was Jesus' attitude after the Resurrection. Again it is Mark who tells us that Jesus upbraided the disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they did not believe the word of those who had seen Him after He was risen. Now unbelief and lack of faith was really sin.

I never make bread-and-butter pickles that I do not remember Jesus' saying that if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed we could ask what we would and it would be done. (A teaspoonful of mustard seed comprises literally thousands of seeds.)

Surely our Lord does not ask too much of us when he says we should have at least this much faith. He knows how a seed can grow, and He will honor our faintest bit of faith and nurture it with answered prayer and with joy and satisfaction until it truly becomes a great "tree" in which the birds of thanksgiving may nest and sing!

Prayer for World Peace

May the forces of light bring illumination to all mankind.

May the spirit of human brotherhood be spread abroad.

May men of good will meet together in co-operation everywhere.

May forgiveness, freedom, and wise reconstruction be the keynote with every man at this time.

May divine guidance attend the efforts of the United Nations, and may we all have strength to do our part.

"Be Strong and of a Good Courage"

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VITALIZING and developing our threefold powers, physical, mental, spiritual—this is life in its intended sense. To develop the first or the first two powers only is to fall short of our privilege; it is to fail in the highest use of life; is to fall short of our high calling.

But the developed spirituality, the "power and the glory," which is unknown to the many but which God transmits to the few, to those who "seek diligently"—this is real, this is satisfying, and more and more in time to come mankind must realize and appropriate the possibilities of Spiritual power, its heavenly heritage.

Without the strength that God's Spirit imparts Joshua could never have completed the work that Moses began.

For forty years after God had delivered the Israelites from the bondage of the Egyptians they had wandered in the wilderness, seeking the Promised Land.

Now they had come to the land of Moab, near the river Jordan, beyond which was Canaan, the Promised Land.

Moses was now one hundred and twenty years old. He had been instrumental in delivering his people from the hand of Pharoah, he had led them through the waters of the Red Sea, which parted to let the mighty host pass through. Under God's direc

tion he had been their guide, their counselor, their friend. Now a younger man was needed to complete the work.

God had provided a successor to Moses in Joshua, the son of Nun. Moses laid his hands on Joshua in blessing, and God gave him the spirit of wisdom.

Then Moses went up on Mount Pisgah, from where he could look across to Canaan, the "land flowing with milk and honey," which was to be the home of the Israelites. But Moses' aged feet were not to tread that land of beauty.

After his death God spoke to Joshua, saying: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people . . . Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you I have given it, as I spake unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land . . . unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. . . . Only be strong and very courageous."

God charged Joshua not to depart from the commandments and directions that Moses had given him. Again He said, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

The journey of the Israelites, now nearing its end, was resumed. Herds and flocks were driven from their grazing, tents were folded, beasts of burden were loaded, household utensils were stored away, children were called from their play, and the great host of people started on their way once more, their

hearts sore from the loss of Moses, but their spirits high with hope.

Soon a sound came to their ears, the sound of many waters. They were nearing the river Jordan, which flowed between them and the Promised Land.

In the book of Joshua we read that "the Jordan overfloweth all its banks all the time of harvest." There were no boats, no bridges, no rafts to carry the Israelites across. Did their minds revert to that other passage which they had made through the waters of the Red Sea?

As always, when called forth by sufficient faith, a miracle occurred to meet the need that faced them.

Miracles are common in our life, though we do not always recognize them.

Joshua commanded the priests to take up the Ark of the Covenant, which the children of Israel had always carried with them, and going before the people, Joshua commanded them to step out fearlessly into the swirling waters.

Other men beside Joshua needed to be strong and of a good courage on that day's march.

The priests did as they were bidden, and according to the Bible narrative, "it came to pass, when . . . the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brink of the water . . . that the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, and those that went down toward the sea . . . were wholly cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel passed clean over the Jordan."

One man from each of the twelve tribes of

Israel picked up a stone from the river bed, and these twelve stones were later set up as a memorial of that miraculous passage.

Continually Joshua needed to be strong and of a good courage. As the leader of a multitude that was establishing a new nation, that was building homes in a new land, Joshua was harassed and beset by many difficulties and needed indeed to remember that the Lord his God was with him to keep his courage and his wisdom equal to the demands made upon him. Again and again Joshua found that God did not fail him in his need.

To all of us comes the need of courage, of strength, of wisdom. Constantly we are confronted with questions; the need of decision presents itself. How shall we best prepare ourselves to meet life's needs?

Everywhere throughout our country we have institutions of learning, schools for the education of our children. We need these for developing our mental powers. But we need more. We may develop our mental powers to the highest degree, and yet leave the best out of our life.

For life without the inspiration of higher vision, the realization of God's uplifting strength, is an unsatisfying thing.

"How," you ask, "are we to find this strength? Life looks hard; we have fears and worries. How can we be strong?"

Nehemiah tells us, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." The Psalmist says, "Delight thyself also in the LORD, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." "Wait on the LORD . . . and he shall

strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." These words answer our questions.

"Be still, and know that I am God." Do we take time to be still, to meditate upon the deep things of God? Do we let sink into our soul the knowledge that we not only have received but are continuing to receive, every hour and with every breath, our life from God? Are we conscious that "in him we live, and move, and have our being"?

We pray, yes, but how many times do our thoughts wander away from our prayers, making them mere empty words? "Be still"—quiet your restlessness, your worries, lay aside for the moment your plans for work or recreation—and know that the Lord is God, the creator and the keeper of the universe and of those who trust in Him.

Open your consciousness to His indwelling. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

A man planning to build a house may carefully compute the amount of construction material he will need before the work of building is commenced —so many bricks, so much lumber of varying dimensions, so much plaster, so many doors, windows, shingles, nails—and he may purchase all this and have it ready at hand before starting construction.

But in building a life we cannot do this way. The grace of God is not a material commodity of which we can acquire at the time of our conversion a great store sufficient to last forever. It must come fresh every day from the living fountainhead, God. A sufficient supply for the day's use must come each

day, like the heavenly manna of old in the wilderness. Just as our body needs food for nourishment often so our soul needs the daily bread of salvation.

We are apt to consider ourselves as complete individuals, separate from God. If we expect to light our homes with electricity we know that we must keep our connection with the power plant. The light does not shine unless we turn on the current. Just so when we let our spiritual light shine, we must consciously "turn on the power," keep our soul filled with the light of the Holy Spirit. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee."

We need not rely simply upon our own strength. We are weak indeed if we look no further for strength. Jesus said, "apart from me ye can do nothing." Paul rose to the heights of sublimity when he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

We need the life more abundant, which Jesus said He had come to give us. We need the Holy Spirit in our heart, the Comforter whom Jesus promised to send. We need to lean upon God, who is our life and our strength. We need to think of Him more often, to keep His love, His saving power, His redeeming grace, His ever-present help in our consciousness. Cast "all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you."

Work and prayer, prayer and work—these are the tools with which we are to build our life, remembering that Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you," and that the strength needed for daily living will be daily given to us.

Stay on the Beam

LA VERNE BOWLES

I HAVE BEEN READING, hearing, and using the expression "Stay on the beam" longer than I can remember. It always seemed like excellent advice; but it had little real significance for me until I took my first cross-country flight in a small plane. By seeing how the radio beam contributes to making travel by air comparatively safe, I developed a new conception of the importance of turning to the divine "beam" for spiritual guidance.

Flying had by no means become second nature to me. I had been in the air only five times before taking this long flight, and I had never been in the air longer than an hour at any one time. Perhaps this is one reason why I experienced such a great thrill from realizing the protection afforded by the radio beams that we followed over desert wastes and rugged mountains. In fact since the impression of this trip has been lasting and helpful to me, I desire to pass on to others a brief description of it, including some of the discoveries I made for myself about flying and about better living.

There were only two of us making the trip, the pilot and myself. We took off from a Los Angeles airport early one morning in a blaze of sunshine. As we flew up into the great blue sky on this jaunt to Prescott, Arizona, I experienced a wonderful sensation of freedom, joy, and power. I could see for miles in every direction. This gave me a new appre

ciation of the magnificence, the vastness, and the beauty of the universe in which we live.

As we soared high over San Fernando Valley we looked down at the great metropolis of Los Angeles, infolded in the mist and a feathery fog. The tall buildings rose as if they were floating on a sea of clouds. Even the oil wells high on the hills south of the city were veiled by a strange beauty that made them appear to be a part of a fantastic dream world. Beyond them was the ocean.

We flew over Newhall Pass toward the desert, and the city was gradually hidden by the hills until it was lost from view. Other scenes took its place. Snow-covered mountain peaks loomed up in the distance. Below us green fields, lakes, and desert formed interesting designs.

We had covered the first hundred miles of our trip when the pilot announced facetiously that I had become the official navigator. He said: "Now we are going over strange territory. It's up to you to keep us from getting lost. Here's the map. This is where we are, and this is where we are going."

This is all the preliminary instruction I had as to my new responsibility. I was also told that we could tune in to the various radio towers as we approached them and be guided by the radio beam. I soon recognized the sound that indicated we were on the beam, and I also learned how to tell when we went a little too far either to the right or to the left of it. I took my job seriously but enjoyed it I enjoyed being able to catch the code letters, listening for the hum of the radio, and I found the task of locating landmarks most fascinating.

One feels so utterly in need of guidance and protection when the earth below looks wild, forbidding, and uninhabited. We were flying over just such country toward Needles, California, when the gasoline guage showed our tanks were far too close to empty for comfort or safety. Soon I was having difficulty picking out landmarks, and I was becoming somewhat desperate when I tried and failed to pick up the beam. Then once more we were aware of the steady hum of the radio coming in loud and clear on our receiving set.

It is impossible to describe either the relief or gratitude I felt with that assurance of definite, dependable guidance. I knew so well that the radio was only a channel through which a limitless intelligence was sending us His love and infinite protection.

Within a few minutes we sighted the blue water of the Colorado River in the distance. Then we started looking for the airport. We found it easily, made a perfect landing, had the gas tanks filled, checked the weather, and continued on our way toward Prescott.

"How do we go now?" I asked.

"By dead reckoning," he said.

That sounded pretty ominous to me, because I had no idea what it meant, nor the slightest knowledge about how to stay on the course. I was told to watch the altitude of the peaks so that we would fly high enough to miss them. So while trying to figure out where we were, I would pick out the highest peak I could find on the map and we would fly far above it, which meant that we flew at an altitude of about ten thousand feet a great part of the way.

We flew close to jagged, rocky peaks and then over vast mesas and deep canyons that had been carved into the earth by the rains and erosion of countless centuries. All these landmarks had a disconcerting way of looking exactly alike. About the time I felt sure I had found a landmark of distinction I would look ahead and see another one just like it.

We were half an hour overdue at Prescott and were not able to contact the Prescott radio. The pilot reminded me that we had filed a flight plan with the communications office. If we were three hours late, planes would be sent out to find us. There was little comfort in the thought that we might have to land on a barren, isolated mesa and stay there, cold and hungry, until we could be rescued.

We turned on the radio several times without making contact. Finally we tuned in again, just in time to hear the friendly voice of a radio operator saying, "This is Prescott radio calling Stinson NC-97726."

My heart skipped a beat or two. "Why, that's us!" I exclaimed joyfully.

We were on the beam at last! Not only were we on the beam but we knew that the radio operators were searching for us, calling out to us and anxiously listening for our answer. In about twenty minutes we sighted a landing strip and my friend the pilot, in typically masculine manner said: "See, you didn't have a thing to worry about! I knew where we were all the time."

By this time we were close enough to answer the operator. He asked us where we were. The pilot

described to him what we saw as we flew in a circle around the field. Then with absolute confidence he said, "Now I'm coming in for a landing."

I knew something must be wrong when the puzzled operator pleaded with a tone of desperation in his voice, "Please, will you tell me where you are?" As our plane glided down the field we were no longer able to hear him.

A man came out to greet us, and we learned from him that Prescott was just over a near-by hill. We had landed on a private field. Fortunately the owner was friendly. He gave us directions, and within a very few minutes we were exactly where we wanted to be.

In addition to the joyous experience of successfully completing a cross-country flight, I had reached some concrete conclusions about some spiritual truths that had previously been little more than abstract theory to me. By being guided on our flight by an invention of man that calls for the tuning in to the vibrations of a radio transmitter I seemed to have established in my consciousness a closer relationship between the universe and myself. The guidance we had experienced through the radio beam served us well. Yet this outer guidance is only an infinitesimal part of the divine power to which we can tune in at will.

This I also observed. The beam helped us only when we turned to it for help. When we got off the beam we consciously made the effort to find our way by referring to the maps. The instruments on the plane guided us over the high peaks, but we had to use them. We had to let them work for us or they

would have been of no value.

When we get "off the beam" in our living we are not left alone to find the way back. We can turn to spiritual counselors. We can help ourselves through affirmative reading. We can attend lectures and sermons. Better still, we can turn within to meditation and prayer. It is definitely up to each one of us to tune in consciously if we are to keep on the beam. When we do turn to the Father, He always turns to us.

It is easy to see how utterly ridiculous it would have been had the pilot and I despaired of finding our way with the radio beam to guide us. It would have been even more ridiculous for us to have ignored the aids to safe travel that we had at our command. We not only accepted the maps, the compass, the altimeter, and the beam; we expected them to guide us accurately.

It is true that we flew about for a time. We did land in the wrong field, but certainly we had no thought of turning back or giving up our plans to go on to Prescott. However in our daily living we allow ourselves to become discouraged over difficulties or mistakes that are of no greater consequence than our landing for a few minutes on the wrong side of a hill.

The divine beam of spiritual light is ever available. It helps us only when we turn to it, when we accept it, and when we expect it to help us. Floundering about aimlessly is such a needless waste of time and effort when all we need to do is to tune in to it for guidance. When we get on the beam and stay on the beam it is impossible to miss our mark.

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Imprisoned Splendor

KATHLEEN W. WELCH

To KNOW,
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendor may escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light
Supposed to be without.

I AM SITTING in a lovely garden as I write this. Stretching out before me are long beds of red and white peonies, petunias, pansies, and Johnny-jump-ups, which nod their heads at me. Big shade trees cover me with coolness and peace. I am happy, contented, and feel God very close to me, because a dear friend has allowed the "imprisoned splendor" of her indwelling Christ to shine through her. She invited me here today to sit in her beautiful garden and read and write, promising "not to interrupt or bother me." Such thoughtfulness, such understanding of another person's need of beauty, quiet, and peace comes from the divinity within man, and we need more, much more, of it in this confused world.

Oh, that we might allow more of this imprisoned splendor within us to escape into our everyday life! Commonplace things, routine duties, seemingly uninteresting people, are transformed when touched by its radiance. This inner splendor has been within man since the beginning of time. In some persons it is buried so deep that it is almost never seen. In others it is just beneath the surface, ready to shine through in loving thought, word, and deed.

After all, what is this imprisoned splendor but love! Instead of keeping it a passive thing of beauty, buried deep and unproductive within you, instead of holding it forever imprisoned and inactive, why not release it and set it free? This splendor, this love, is the heaven that you carry around within you. It will transform your whole world if you will but let it. Learn to release it and use it. Do not repress it or keep it hidden. That which you give out will be returned to you. The imprisoned splendor within you, released and allowed to shine on others, will meet and recognize that same splendor in them, and you will feel its warmth and radiance meeting yours. Always look for that splendor in others. If it is not immediately apparent, know that it is there under the surface, waiting for a releasing hand.

Never allow yourself to cultivate a dislike for any person. If you do you are not only completely disregarding the Spirit within him but you are also obstructing the inflowing and outflowing of your own inner splendor by allowing something to remain in your consciousness that is limiting, critical, and ugly. When you allow yourself to dislike a person or become habitually critical of him you are judging him only from the human standpoint and are ignoring or refusing to recognize the Christ splendor within him. Recognize it, release it, praise it, bless it, both in yourself and in him. It is wonderful what this can accomplish. Perhaps it is just what the other person has needed, having his highest and best self recognized and praised into visibility. Children respond to this recognition splendidly. Praise a child for his good qualities even though they are only half

formed, encourage his every effort toward good, make him feel important and worth while, then watch him strive to live up to your good opinion of him.

Adults react in the same way. Why is it that we are always anxious to live up to the high opinion someone has of us? Because something tells us this person's opinion is the truth about us. Our imprisoned splendor has been recognized, if ever so little, and it responds.

A woman harbored a critical feeling toward another woman in her church group. One day a third woman of the group remarked to the critical one: "Mrs. S—— said something nice about you the other day. She said she thought you were very attractive and that you had a lovely smile." Immediately the critical woman felt ashamed; and a desire to live up to the good opinion of the woman she had criticized overwhelmed her. Vanity? I do not think so. The imprisoned splendor had made itself felt within her, and a little more love, a little more kindness was uncovered.

Truth students everywhere are learning to look for the best in people, the best in communities, the best in nations. "Which of you convicteth me of sin?" Jesus asked His accursers. He would not think favorably of modern sceptics and pessimists, who have to be shown to believe. After He had shown the doubting Thomas the scars in His hands and feet He said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed." We need to follow Jesus' example by cultivating a deep faith in the divinity and splendor of man, especially when this divinity and splendor is

hidden. Jesus knew well the power of this inner glory. "Love your enemies," He said. As Truth students we say: "Love the hidden, glorious Christ within your 'enemies.' Refuse to hold within your own consciousness anything but the true picture of them as conceived by the Creator in the beginning." This invisible splendor in you and in me is a powerful reality, influencing every thought, word, action, and feeling we have. Released and allowed to be active, it beautifies all human relationships, all nature; it uncovers new beauties in art, literature, and music; it fills life to overflowing with vital, interesting, and love-inspired experiences.

Emerson had a deep faith in the splendor within man. He wrote in his essay "The Over-Soul" these inspired words:

> From within or from behind, a light shines through us upon things and makes us aware that we are nothing, but the light is all. A man is the facade of a temple wherein all wisdom and all good abide. What we commonly call man, the eating, drinking, planting, counting man, does not, as we know him, represent himself, but misrepresents himself. Him we do not respect, but the soul, whose organ he is, would he let it appear through his action, would make our knees bend. When it breathes through his intellect, it is genius; when it breathes through his will, it is virtue; when it flows through his affection, it is love.

This inner splendor is never hurried, cluttered, or confused. Real beauty is always simple, calm, unhurried. If, as has been said, "beauty is an absence of superfluities," then Jesus was indeed beautiful in character, in His spiritual beliefs, and in His living. As compared with the men who lived by the complicated customs, taboos, and laws of the Jews of His

day Jesus was simplicity itself. "Only the simple can be dynamic" is another saying. The Pharisees were too steeped in dogma and restrictions to be dynamic, as Jesus definitely was. Jesus had simplified His life and His purpose, blending both with the Father's will and purpose; therefore He was content, He had a leisured heart. This is true inner splendor.

A leisured heart has time for love, for patience, for understanding sympathy. It knows that the most important thing in life is not pleasure, or money, or property, or fame, or popularity. The most important thing in life is to grow, to become aware of God's will for us, to learn to love people more and love them wisely, to become simple and sincere. Said Emerson:

> "Great is the soul, and plain, it is no flatterer, it is no follower; it never appeals from itself. It believes in itself. . . . Thus revering the soul, and learning, as the ancient said, that its "beauty is immense," man will come to see that the world is the perennial miracle which the soul worketh . . . He will weave no longer a spotted life of shreds and patches, but he will live with a divine unity. He will cease from what is base and frivolous in his life and be content with all places and any service he can render.

The imprisoned splendor within each one of us, if released and allowed to shine, is one of the greatest possible influences for good that we have.

There are a few people in this world who have attained such a high degree of spirituality that just to enter within their presence is like coming within the radius of a glowing fire on a cold day. We are warmed and stimulated when we leave them. There are many others whose influence upon us is just as

great, but it is gentler. They may not be so noticeably dynamic, their influence "droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven," but the result is just as beneficial. Their inner splendor shines gently, persistently, on those around them, and everything they touch seems to be brightened by its glow.

It is well to remember that our influence is either good or bad. It cannot remain neutral. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." The inner splendor can never be satisfied with a few isolated acts of goodness, occasional bits of what we call Christian works, Sunday religion, or halfhearted love. The greater part of every person's life is spent going about his daily affairs, attending to his own job, pursuing his own social interests. If the inner splendor is not allowed to shine through into all these departments of life, of what use is it? It is as if we cried, "Lord, Lord, did we not teach in the Sunday school, have we not attended church services, and have we not held many offices in Thy name?" But all the while we do not allow the light of Christ to shine into even the smallest portion of our daily life and the answer we receive will be: "I never knew you! You only served Me when you were in the public eye, when it was easy and convenient for you to serve. You hauled down your flag and did just as the others did when serving Me became difficult, when it meant risking ridicule and criticism, when it meant sacrificing a cherished comfort or opinion." No, our life is no halfway influence. At all times we are either allowing the inner splendor to shine through us or we are hiding it under a bushel,

dulling it, making it ineffectual.

Looking at it from another viewpoint, we see that many people are unaware of the good influence they exert. "One loving spirit sets another afire," it has been said, and frequently a smile, a handshake, a show of loving interest will produce unexpected and far-reaching results.

A woman once received a letter from a young soldier who was in the trenches waiting to go into battle. He wrote that he had once been in her Sunday school class. For a long time while he was in her class he had been inattentive and restless. Then one Easter Sunday morning, he said, she told something about Jesus that aroused his interest, and from that time on he was deeply attentive to her teaching. He was "going over the top" very soon, he wrote, but he wanted her to know that he felt no nervousness or fear, thanks to her teaching in the past.

On looking back the teacher remembered that Easter Sunday well. She had been much discouraged and had almost decided to discontinue teaching. The boys seemed so indifferent and restless, and nothing she said seemed to reach them. Then toward the end of the period she noticed that one boy suddenly became attentive. He listened to her words with a new light in his eyes, and she felt that she was reaching him. This had encouraged her to continue with her Sunday teaching. That boy had now written to her from a trench in Europe. The imprisoned splendor in him had been awakened and released. Very true are the words of Phillips Brooks: "No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good without the world being

better for it, without someone being helped, and comforted by the very existence of that goodness."

The imprisoned or, rather, released inner splendor works wonders when allowed its freedom. Do not be depressed because the good you do does not quickly make itself felt. All beautiful things require time in which to grow and develop. The loveliest flowers, the largest trees, the most beautiful musical compositions, the most exquisite paintings—all require time in which to develop and make their influence, felt. A good mother's influence, a good pastor's, a good teacher's—all require time to grow.

An old proverb says, "Daylight will peep through a very small hole." Amid the humblest surroundings, in the busiest moments, in moments of joy, in moments of grief, whether we are surrounded by congenial or uncongenial companions, our inner splendor, the indwelling Christ in all His glory is present, waiting to shine out on our world to transform it into a thing of light and beauty, love and freedom. Loose it and let it go! Let it be said of you that you are a radiant person, an influence for good, ever ready to let the warmth of your love uplift, comfort, and help others. Then you will discover a wonderful thing about this inner splendor: it is ageless and eternal. Whether sixteen or sixty, you can learn to release imprisoned splendor that is within you.

Dear Father, help me to shine from within. Help me as I grow older in years to release more and more of the imprisoned splendor within me that it may shine on those around me and uncover Thy beauty everywhere, in the name of the living, indwelling Christ. Amen.

Sanctuary

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ASK ANY desert traveler what the cool oasis means to him after a day on the burning sands, when the very air is charged with intense heat from the sun's rays. Sanctuary!

Ask anyone who has suffered the pangs of hunger what the first regular meal meant to him that ended the gnawing feeling of emptiness. Sanctuary!

Ask those who have strained under the load of physical tasks what the extra shoulder of a friend means in helping to lighten the load. Sanctuary!

Then ask any truth student what "sanctuary" means in his or her daily living. They will tell you that the spiritual cool water, bread, and strength imparted to them in spiritual communion are far more satisfying to the soul than even the physical refreshment mentioned above is to the body.

What is this Truth seeker's "sanctuary," and where is it located?

Is it found in some large cathedral or church edifice that has been erected through man's desire to worship the Infinite in comfortable and beautiful surroundings? Is it located in some large city, hardly accessible to any but a select few? If these questions have ever dominated your consciousness remove them, for they are entirely false. It is true that every building erected for worship is a sanctuary, but the Truth seeker's sanctuary is much nearer than any physical structure, and it is forever with you.

Paul said, "Know ye not that ye are a temple [sanctuary] of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" This thought carried to a complete and logical conclusion will impart much more comfort and strength to you in these days of complex and trying situations.

Centuries ago the physical structure of the Temple in Jerusalem was the focal point of Jewish thinking and culture. It was anticipated in the days of the wilderness wanderings and came to be a fruitful realization in the time of Solomon. A portion of Solomon's prayer of dedication offers an insight into the mystical conception he must have had of the Temple: "O Jehovah my God . . . hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee this day; that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place whereof thou hast said, My name shall be there . . . hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive."

In the wilderness of Judah, before the days of Temple worship, David's consciousness was quickened in strength as he thought and meditated upon the sanctuary, which he had constructed as the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant (symbolic of God's presence) in the midst of the "tented city." Hear him as he cries:

O God, thou art my God; earnestly will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,

In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
To see thy power and thy glory.
Because thy loving kindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise thee . . .
My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness . . .
For thou hast been my help,
And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Those are lines from the 63d Psalm, and it is well to read it all if one wishes to grasp the nearness to Truth that the Psalmist felt in his heart (mind).

With Jewish thinking focused on the outward (literal) evidences of spiritual (mystical) truths, we can readily understand how revolutionary the following statement of Jesus must have seemed to the religious leaders of His day. In response to the request for a sign He said, "Destroy this temple [sanctuary], and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews derided this statement, as they reasoned it had taken forty-six years to build the edifice. "But he spake of the temple of his body."

The tabernacle and the Temple of the Jews served their purpose as signposts toward God for a literalistic and perverse nation (in the main); but Jesus opened the central "highway for all" when He declared, "I and the Father are one." Man, according to the Master, needs only a good appetite for righteousness (right thinking) and his soul and body will be filled. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness [right thinking]: for they shall be filled." This Beatitude can help us to appreciate even more the 63d Psalm, where the Psalmist meditates upon his soul.

Like the rising sun, Truth radiated its resplendent

rays in the statement of Jesus about the Temple (sanctuary). He established and declared the rightful place for man to center his thinking from that day forward. Jesus' body housed the holy presence of God, and He came to call us into the sonship of the divine. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Jesus knew that the true sanctuary is the soul and body of man, which form the inner sanctuary and outer temple of the Spirit of God. This knowledge was dominant in His consciousness when He told the woman at the well in Sychar; "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth." Jesus was seeking to remove from her mind the literalism of worship in the mountains and in Jerusalem, as they were forming a barrier to her realization of the true presence. The same is true today when people focus their mind on the without (materialism) instead of the within (God's divine presence of Truth).

Jesus said that He would request the Father to send a "Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, *even* the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you." This Comforter, the Spirit of truth or Spirit of God, is the power that Paul declares is present in our temple of flesh. Why then should worry, fear, doubt, or misgiving assail us when the sanctuary of His presence is as near as the breath we

draw into our being? Stop! "Be still." Open the door of your consciousness and go in where the light of His holiness is ever burning. Day or night He is there, waiting to hear you silently and reward you openly. Go in, close the door, and commune in the sanctuary of your being opening your heart (mind) to the Truth that frees and directs!

"Know ye not that your body is a temple [sanctuary] of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God?"

O infinite Mind, as we commune with Thee in the blessed sanctuary of our soul, give us strength in the holy hour to do Thy will!

The Purpose of Unity

Unity School of Christianity is a religious educational institution teaching the use of the Jesus Christ doctrine in everyday life, and is not a church. However in disseminating the teachings of Unity, based upon the Bible and especially upon the teaching of Jesus Christ, teachers have formed independent organizations for study and worship, and these organizations have evolved into groups called centers, societies, assemblies, and churches. These groups are a part of the Unity fellowship and work in close cooperation with the Unity School of Christianity, but Unity is not a denomination nor a sect. Those who study the Unity teachings and who attend a Unity church are free to keep their affiliation with any church between God and man. They explain how mind affects the body, how it brings man into an understanding of God. Accept what, in Unity, appears to you to be Truth, and withhold judgment on the remainder until you understand it.

Along the Way to the Kingdom

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EVERY BEGINNER in the study of Truth, and often one who has been studying it for a long time, finds himself wondering on occasion if he is seeking in the right direction for the kingdom of heaven. We wonder at times if all our constructive efforts are not in vain. Doubt, even fear, seems to engulf us at various stages of our spiritual unfoldment. These experiences however are not really detrimental to our progress in any way. They are beneficial in fact, for they provide us with opportunities to develop our faith. It is by faith that we continue on our journey to the kingdom of heaven when understanding fails for a time to point the way.

Once we realize that periods of doubt and confusion are normal in the process of regeneration, we not longer become anxious or disturbed by them. It soon becomes apparent that these rough spots are always followed by smoother, more delightful phases of our journey to the kingdom. They are actually steppingstones to higher states of consciousness, and as we become more and more aware of this we presently find ourselves rejoicing instead of fretting at the onset of these periods of uncertainty. We soon learn that a consciousness of thanksgiving and praise eliminates fear and restores harmony with the least possible discomfort.

"Why do I have to experience these periods of

emotional unrest and even physical discomfort when I have so completely abandoned my old negative thought habits?" This question was asked recently by a friend who is earnestly seeking the kingdom. She, like many others, could not understand why she was unable to retain the thrill of joy that was hers when she caught her first glimpse of Truth. The explanation of course lies in the fact that God is building a superstructure within us that requires the finest spiritual materials available. Every fiber of our being must be tempered and refined in the purifying fires of Spirit, and the intensity of this process frequently upsets our physical and emotional equilibrium. Quite often the Spirit of truth has to delve deep into our subconscious mind to uproot some erroneous idea that has been there for a long time, and on these occasions we are almost certain to experience unpleasant reactions. These upheavals however are absolutely harmless. They are always brief, and there is nothing whatever in them to cause alarm. "Be still, and know that I am God."

While the process of purification is a vital phase of our spiritual development, we should not dwell too seriously on the physical and emotional disturbances that accompany it. A cheerful disposition helps immeasurable to maintain emotional stability, and a sense of humor can also be used to good advantage. A friend once told me that whenever he felt one of these periods of depression coming on he would pause for a moment, and after giving thanks that all was well, he would speak to the disturbing condition as though it were another person.

"So you are back again," he would say. "Well, if

you want to stay around here, you'll have to look after yourself. I can't give you any time. I have too many others things to do."

He would speak these words cheerfully but firmly, and then proceed to act as though he had never felt better in his life. He would whistle or hum a cheery tune, greet everyone he met with a friendly smile, and go right on about his work as though he were the happiest man in the world. Such an attitude will disintegrate the "blues" quickly and effectively. Obviously this procedure is a modern method of applying the instructions that Paul gave us when he said, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

The greatest harmonizing power of all however is love. When this divine power is directed toward some discordant condition, every undesirable element involved quickly fades away to its native nothingness. Praise and thanksgiving are the mediums most often used to direct the power of love consciously. It is really a simple matter to love the pain right out of some ailing member of the body, and it is just as simple to love discord and inharmony out of your affairs. There are many persons who cannot seem to convince themselves that love is anything more than a sentimental quality that, though very beautiful, is quite uncontrollable and unpredictable. Others believe in the harmonizing power of this divine quality, but they have not quite gotten around to applying it to the little things in their everyday life. A few words of praise and blessing will work wonders in smoothing out the petty annoyances that are common in the life of the average person.

A little girl in our neighborhood once found her mother crying over the odious actions of her husband, who had been drinking too freely. In response to the child's anxious questions her mother explained, "Oh, your father has been acting as though the Devil were in him lately!"

After thinking the matter over for a moment the youngster replied quite casually, "Well, Mamma, we'll just have to love the Devil out of Daddy!" And that is exactly what they did. The woman told me later how she took her young daughter's advice literally. She stopped nagging her husband about his drinking and instead began praising and blessing him silently at frequent intervals. In a very short time the man came to himself, stopped drinking, and has never touched a drop of liquor since.

It is the utter simplicity of Truth that makes it so difficult for some of us to accept. "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein." Take, for example, this matter of applying love to our everyday affairs. The manner in which it should be done is so simple and so casual that many of us miss the mark completely by trying too hard. Is there something troubling you at this moment? Have you a "special" worry on your mind? If you have, stop for a moment and speak a few words silently to each person or thing involved in your problem. Bless them, praise them, individually and collectively. Do you feel that warm, soothing current flowing forth from the region of your heart? That is love, divine love if you will, and it has the power to adjust any inharmony that may exist in your life or your affairs. It is just

as simple as that, and there are no further instructions anyone can give you in the matter except to urge you to be persistent and to be lavish with your praise and blessing.

I have been studying and practicing the principles of Truth for about seventeen years, but it was only three years ago that I freed myself completely of an awful fear of thunderstorms. As far back as I can remember I simply dreaded the approach of a storm. When I reached manhood I was ashamed to show any outward signs of my weakness, but nevertheless my throat and chest fairly ached with fear when a storm arose. For years after I began the study of Truth I "treated" myself for this condition, but still the uneasy feeling persisted in rising up within me whenever I heard a clap of thunder. I remembered the apostle John's assurance that "perfect love casteth out fear," and I believed it too, but my efforts to effect such a demonstration always met with failure. Undoubtedly I was making a difficult problem out of something that should have been adjusted with ease.

One spring day a few years ago, while I was contemplating the fact that the season for thunderstorms would soon be here again, it occurred to me that now was the time to rid myself of that troublesome fear. There were no signs of storms in our vicinity as yet, but I was determined to do something about my fear just the same. For several moments every day thereafter I would meditate on the truth about storms.

"The elements work for my highest good," I reasoned. "There is no evil in the wind or the lightning. God, who is love, is the source of these won-

derful manifestations, and I am sure that one part of God would not bring harm to another part of Him."

Then I directed my words silently and reverently toward the elements themselves, affirming my oneness with them in the Spirit of love. Yes, I talked to the wind and the lightning, and I also talked to the power that is the source of them. I made friends with the very forces I had feared so much. I expressed good will and love toward them, and you just cannot be afraid of something you love.

These periods of meditation continued until the middle of May, when the season's first storm came, and what a thrill I got when I discovered that for the first time in my life I had almost no fear whatever of the lightning and thunder. By the end of the summer my fear was completely gone, and today I actually enjoy the crash and roar of a violent thunderstorm.

As we progress in our spiritual development, adverse conditions still seem to find their way into our life and affairs, but as time goes on it soon becomes apparent that our problems no longer affect us so seriously as they formerly did. Our attitude toward trying situations has changed almost without our knowing it. We find ourselves remaining poised and calm in the face of difficulties, and on certain occasions we actually thrill at the prospect of facing a new problem. Little incidents that previously upset us have no effect whatever on us now. As a young friend recently put it, "Truth certainly does take the 'point' out of disappointment."

It should be remembered once and for all that

there is nothing mysterious or complicated about spiritual growth. It is something that takes place naturally and normally as the result of our revised attitude toward God, toward ourselves, and toward the rest of the universe. As we come to view all things in the light of Truth and conduct ourselves according to our higher understanding, everything in the world about us takes on new meaning. We find ourselves truly being born into a new life. Old things are made new, but our understanding reveals to us that we ourselves have made the change simply by changing our thought habits. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

The journey to the kingdom then is nothing more than the simple procedure of renewing our mind, and this we accomplish by making adjustments here and there in our daily thinking. In view of these facts, it becomes obvious that the kingdom of heaven is not afar off but right here on earth—here amid the little things we do every day. We enter the kingdom simply by recognizing its presence all about us.

The force of Christianity lies in the fact that it reveals to men the greatness of which they are capable, and the fact that no squalor or wretchedness of circumstances can bind the thought of man, if it is set upon what is high and pure. The man or woman who sees the beauty of inner purity cannot ever be very deeply tainted by corruption either of body or of soul.—A. C. BENSON.

Sunday LESSONS

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Lesson 10, December 5, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Developing of One World.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*History in the New Testament.*—Acts 1:8; 4:1-4; 13:2, 3; 16:9, 10; 28:16, 30, 31.

8. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1. And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

2. Being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3. And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was now eventide.

4. But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

2. And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There

was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10. And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

16. And when we entered into Rome, Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him.

30. And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all that went in unto him,

31. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.*—Matt. 28:19.

SILENT PRAYER—*I study to express my true thought in harmonious words, that I may be one with all in the Christ consciousness.*

In the Book of Psalms we read:

"The heavens are the heavens of Jehovah,
But the earth hath he given to the children of men."

Unless we make the most of this gift we are like children who receive toys at too early an age to understand their purpose and who break and destroy them without thought or care. Instead of destroying the civilization that has been built with so much thought and labor through the centuries, we should bend all our efforts toward advancing it still further and building the kingdom of heaven on earth. With capable leadership and faithful following we can develop the spiritual realm so as to equal or surpass the material, in which thus far mankind has excelled.

History records the rise of one great nation after

another from that of Egypt and Babylon to that of the Roman Empire between two and three thousand years ago. After a season of greatness each declined and fell as the foundation of materiality on which it rested proved inadequate to support its superstructure of art and science, and the latter crumbled into dust. The power to build a permanent foundation for a society that will endure and a civilization that will be permanently progressive is found only in the Holy Spirit or the "whole spirit" of Truth and goodness. Whoever expresses this power witnesses "unto the uttermost part of the earth" or in even the most material phase of life and development to the power of Truth and the quality of the good.

The development of our world in spiritual unity is a task that calls for the loyal, devoted application of quickened minds everywhere. Unity of spirit would be easy enough to realize if all men desired it and were moved by unselfish good will. So far that desire is not universal, and neither has unselfishness been fully realized. "The priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees" still come upon us, determined to quench the light of Truth in the social consciousness and prevent the increase of the Christ light in the heart and mind of the race. The resurrection of spiritual truth from the dead materialism of the race mind calls for the combined action of all men of understanding if we are to escape a decline of our civilization like that which has overtaken the civilizations of the past.

Although many individuals believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and try to realize the freedom that this power brings, freedom for all will be realized

only as all join in the realization of the Christ, and as the Christ consciousness develops in the world as a universal and all-potent state of mind. To this end spiritual leadership is called for. Saul and Barnabas were accredited leaders in the first century. They traveled on foot, preaching the word in person. The scientific progress of our day makes such laborious methods unnecessary. Today comparatively few people lack the opportunity of learning about the spiritual nature of life and the way to realize true freedom and permanent peace. Devoted leaders and thinkers are needed, men and women of power, if those who catch a vision of the kingdom of God on earth are to be "strengthened in the faith" and increased in number daily.

From the women gathered together on the bank of a Macedonian stream to the Praetorian Guard in Rome a wide range of influence opened up to Paul, the most indefatigable worker of the first century. The word of Truth has a range bounded only by the mind, which in truth is boundless. Paul was in chains, but he converted those to whom he was chained as well as those to whom his letters went out by courier over the countries of Asia Minor and the rest of the Roman Empire.

QUESTIONS

1. How can we save our civilization from the decline and fall that history shows as characteristic of past civilizations?
2. What part has the individual in building the kingdom of God on earth?
3. What great task confronts spiritual leadership today?
4. Is the range of our influence for good limited?

Lesson 11, December 12, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Sent Word.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Letters in the Bible.* —Phil. 1:1-11; 4:8, 9.

1. Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you,

4. Always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy,

5. For your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now;

6. Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7. Even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers with me of grace.

8. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

9. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment;

10. So that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ;

11. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9. The things which ye both learned and received and

heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

GOLDEN TEXT—*These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life,* even *unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God.* —I John 5:13.

SILENT PRAYER—*I send forth my best thoughts expressed in true words, that they may awaken others to newness of life and joy.*

Letters reveal more than the personality of the writer. They disclose character also, and bring to the reader more than news of current interest or the sentiments of the writer. They may convey inspiration and understanding of Truth valid in all the ages. Such are the letters of Paul, which are read and loved centuries after he wrote them by countless thousands all over the world.

The majority of people probably dash off their letters with little thought for the contents beyond the passing on of their views on topics of current interest or the preservation of friendship. If they knew that their written words were to endure for thousands of years and be read by countless people of all shades of faith down the ages, they would doubtless weigh them with the greatest care. Some of Paul's letters were written in prison, but they are nevertheless models of the social graces, instinct with thought for others, full of appreciation of favors received, revealing due regard for the social amenities. In addition to these external excellences their thought has inspired readers throughout the centuries to greater efforts to live according to the moral law. Those who

have hope in Christ and the resurrection life find in them a guide to firmer faith.

While Paul did not fail to remember the personal interests of his readers, his main theme was the life, love, and law of the Christ whom he served. He claimed no undue importance for himself. He included Timothy, Sosthenes, and Silvanus, all of whom were doubtless his amanuenses rather than coauthors of his letters. All receive an equal share with him in the credit of authorship. For the recipients of the letters he affirms: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." This salutation was no doubt customary in that day, but it set a high moral and spiritual level for the interchange of thought and feeling. No unworthy thought or word could follow such an introduction. It set the pace for the entire letter, and disclosed fellowship of a high order.

"I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you." No higher compliment could be paid any correspondent than to be told that to think of him is to be reminded of God. Personality disappears in this loftiness. Prayer becomes an expression of joy, an earnest of faith. Fellowship is in "the progress of the gospel," in which all have a vital interest.

Faith is the chief buttress of life, and no one can go far without it. Paul used his faith constructively, making it work for his friends. "Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." He found such faith in them possible because, as he said, "I have you in my heart." Conscious of them and of the Christ in them, he was at the same time

conscious of Jesus Christ as the risen Lord. All were "partakers . . . of grace" with him.

Paul expressed the "tender mercies of Christ Jesus" or the love of the Christ. He did not entertain obscure or fantastic feelings of love at random. He gave direction to his love and made it count. He prayed that his fellow Christians might realize greater love in themselves and that this love might be "in knowledge and all discernment." They were to love what was good and recognize it at sight. "That ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence." With the love of the Christ in their hearts men come to think naturally of the things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, instead of giving their thought to unworthy things. True thoughts inculcate virtue and incidentally arouse the spirit of praise in those who entertain them; therefore they are doubly worth holding.

Not everyone is so well established in the Christ that he can offer himself as an example to be followed by others. Paul's loyalty was established beyond question, and he advised others to do the things they had learned and received and heard from him and seen in him. As we become examples of the Christ life our influence will live down the ages as Paul's has done.

QUESTIONS

1. What type of letters are of more than passing interest and value?
2. How can the Christ be revealed in letters?
3. How can we use our faith to help others?
4. Can love be made practical and still remain on a high moral and spiritual level?

Lesson 12, December 19, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Awakening of the Soul to the Christ Consciousness.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Good News in the Bible.* —Luke 2:1-14.

1. Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled.

2. This was the first enrolment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3. And all went to enrol themselves, every one to his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David;

5. To enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

6. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

9. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:

11. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

12. And this *is* the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.*—Luke 2:10.

SILENT PRAYER—*I awake to the meaning of the Christ Spirit within me, and enter into the consciousness of good.*

The dawn of understanding awakens the soul to new and greater depths of feeling. Feeling that is devoid of understanding is a dangerous force that may overwhelm the one whom it possesses or dispose him to violence and disorder. Understanding is the light of the Christ that illumines feeling and puts it to constructive work in the solving of the world's problems.

The worship of the will ruling in selfishness and directed by human reason has brought practically the entire world under the domination of materialism. "A decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled" was obeyed by all Roman subjects, both the spiritually minded and the materially minded. All bowed to the dominant rule of the emperor. To enroll "all the world" in the Christ consciousness requires the rule of good will and enlightened reason. The world labors under the belief that peace can be maintained by force, and nations try to hold themselves in readiness against the attack of aggressors. The wars that have resulted from this attitude continue down to the present time. Quirinius ("armed peace") might still be governor

of Syria, since he signifies the ruling power in the egotistic, purely intellectual thought. The "cold war" of the present is another term for armed peace.

Unless a higher conception of life supplants that of the calculating intellect, this state of affairs will continue indefinitely or until mankind succeeds in destroying itself. The conception of the Christ, born of the substance of spiritual Being (in Bethlehem, "house of bread") supplants the materialistic intellectual concept. Signs and presages of the birth of this consciousness have been evident from time to time, as in the attempts to form a League of Nations after World War I and the United Nations after the last World War. Both these bodies were designed to make of the world a harmoniously working whole, and either might have succeeded if the selfishness of personal wills had been excluded. The state of consciousness in which we "increase" in character along all lines (Joseph) unites with intuition or the affectional and emotional phases of man's being to produce conscious perfection (the Christ), the divine-idea man. This spiritual, higher true self of every individual must bring into manifestation the peace that is promised to all men of good will.

If pure thought cannot spring out of the animal life of the brain or use the brain as its instrument of expression, the animal life itself (manger) can be made to feel the impetus of spiritual thought. If there is no room in the inn for the new life to dawn, there is room in the manger, and it is there that the new life is first manifested. We need not despair of the world because of its materialism and selfish, self-seeking greed. At the very center of materialism the

Christ life can appear, and its purifying light can grow and spread out in ever-increasing clearness until it illumines the world with its rays. Truth converts all who are willing to deny the reign of material law over them and to affirm the ascendancy of the highest, the spiritual law. "The glory of the Lord shone round about them." The shepherds are those who watch over their thoughts and keep them in line with Truth regardless of the night of ignorance in the world of sense consciousness. "Good tidings of great joy" are to be published "to all the people."

The world watches the weakest link in the chain of human progress and prepares itself to face a break there. Countless breaks have occurred, and materialistic thought has devised no means by which they can be prevented. Truth fortifies the weak link with an aggregation of higher, truer thoughts of man and his destiny. "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host" proclaiming "on earth peace among men in when he is well pleased." Co-operative efforts to realize peace and to renounce force as a means of insuring national security will eventually be rewarded with permanent peace.

QUESTIONS

1. How does the dawn of spiritual understanding affect the soul?
2. What has brought the world under the domination of materiality?
3. How can "all the world" be enrolled in the Christ consciousness?
4. What do the shepherds represent?
5. How does Truth fortify the weak links in the chain of life?

Lesson 13, December 26, 1948

UNITY SUBJECT—*Truth Realized.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Apocalyptic Literature in the Bible.*—Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5, 17.

1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more.

2. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God:

4. And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.

5. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true.

6. And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7. He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

1. And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb,

2. In the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him;

4. And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads.

5. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

GOLDEN TEXT—*The kingdom of the world is become* the kingdom *of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever.*—REV. 11:15.

SILENT PRAYER—*I know that all things, working together for good, bring good into manifestation.*

If realization is the goal of life we do well to consider the effect of realizing Truth. A new heaven and a new earth have been conceived by countless people who have found the old ideas of heaven unsatisfying and the earth disappointing. The fact that all expect new and better conceptions to come into manifestation attests the truth of evolution in the mental realm as in the physical.

The first earth of the earliest geological age has long since passed away. Succeeding ages have witnessed the passing of other earths until the present one of land and sea remains in mute testimony to the upheavals of the past. Likewise the first conception of heaven as a city inclosed within high walls, with access only through gates, has given way to a clearer conception of heaven as a state of mind enjoyed by all who have attained peace and good will, harmony, and unity of purpose. In this picture

of the new heaven "the sea is no more," because the uncertainty and negation represented by it are disappearing, to be replaced by the certainties of assured faith and confidence, on the one hand, and by knowledge and understanding of newly discovered truths on the other.

The new Jerusalem "coming down out of heaven from God" represents society's possible attainment when it begins wholeheartedly to work together toward the making of a better world. Men have the task of making the world into the heaven they desire and visualize. The raw materials are all at hand. Its material resources, the ideals and visions of men, their capacity for concerted action, their will to live and work together toward a common goal all contribute to the remaking of the earth. The stubborn frontiers of strife, selfishness, and misunderstanding recede before the advance of co-operative effort, as the physical wilderness earlier receded before the ax and the hoe of the pioneer.

The "holy city" is an aggregation of ideals in the hearts of men, and as such it comes "down out of heaven from God," instead of rising from the ground after the fashion of cities whose foundations are brick and stone. It is a conception of joy, beauty, and wholeness ("made ready as a bride adorned for her husband"). The thought of the coming of this city into manifestation arouses lively anticipation of joy and gladness.

Personal consciousness is a temporary, transitory state of mind (tabernacle). "The tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with

them, *and be* their God." The mind is the man. Lacking it, man is something less than an expression of the divine. Fully endowed with all his faculties, he is fitly called a son of the living God. "God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God."

In spiritual consciousness, which is the atmosphere of Divine Mind, there is neither sorrow nor death nor pain. These "first things" belong in the unevolved world of personality, where negation holds sway. They pass away as the truth of our spiritual nature is realized and all things are made new. We shall not need to rationalize death or call it the will of God when we overcome personality and inherit eternal life. We shall realize our true nature as the offspring of Divine Mind.

The thirst for perfection is destined to find satisfaction. The river of life, endless, eternal, is a current of vital force proceding from divine life (God), whence it courses through the entire consciousness of regenerate man ("in the midst of the street thereof"). Everyone who has entered spiritual consciousness may "take the water of life freely," and remain in the light of understanding without need of external aids to clear vision.

QUESTIONS

1. What new conceptions attest the truth of spiritual evolution?
2. What is the current conception of heaven?
3. Why is it that "the sea is no more"?
4. What is represented by the statement that the new Jerusalem is "coming down out of heaven from God"?
5. What does the tabernacle represent?

6. Why are sorrow, death, and pain destined to pass away?
7. Of what does the "light" of the New Jerusalem consist?

PALESTINE

I tread where the Twelve in their wayfaring trod;
I stand where they stood with the chosen of God—
Where His blessing was heard and His lessons were taught,
Where the blind were restored and the healing was wrought.

But wherefore this dream of the earthly abode
Of humanity clothed in the brightness of God?
Were my spirit but turned from the outward and dim,
It could gaze, even now, on the presence of Him!

Not in clouds and in terrors, but gentle as when,
In love and in meekness, He moved among men;
And the voice which breathed peace to the waves of the sea
In the hush of my spirit would whisper to me!

—*Whittier*

Silent UNITY

I am born anew in Christ.

The Society of Silent Unity, founded more than fifty years ago, is the healing department of Unity School, ministering without seeing them, to those who need help.

Our purpose is to aid through prayer all persons who, having faith in the power of God, ask for help.

Our temporal needs are met by the freewill offerings of those to whom we minister. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Our Silent Unity group numbers some hundred consecrated workers who are devoting their lives to God's work for humanity. They are proving daily that physical, financial, mental, and spiritual difficulties can be overcome by righteous prayer. Even though everything else may have failed, we shall pray *with* you, for we have faith that "with God all things are possible."

We pray *with* you and also instruct you how to pray to the Father in secret in order that you may help yourself. Silent Unity is praying always, and your co-operation in prayer is of mutual benefit. Do not hesitate to write to us for help because our problem is personal. All correspondence is confidential.

Address your request to Society of Silent Unity, 917 Tracy, Kansas City 6, Mo. Cable address: Unity, Kansas City.

Give your full name and address

Prayers ANSWERED.....

These testimonials come from persons who have been healed by the power of Spirit. Those who wish to gain inspiration from someone whom God has healed may write, in care of the Unity School Editorial Department, to givers of these testimonials. Each letter must be unsealed and give the initials and address of the person to whom it is to be forwarded; also the name and date of the periodicals in which the testimonial appeared.

His Truth Is a Shield

I WOULD like to tell you of a miracle that I experienced this past week. I was on my way to town in a taxicab, as I had some business for my husband to attend to at the bank. My three-and-a-half-year-old son was sitting beside me very quietly, when the cab rounded a turn in the road and the wind blew open the cab door and threw my son off balance. He made a grab for the arm rest thinking it would check his fall and instead it threw him out on the highway and he landed on the back of his head. As he went through the air I cried, "God, spare my baby." To my amazement and the driver's the boy picked himself up and came running to me, the back of his head was bleeding, but not bad. I picked him up and held him in my arms as we drove to the hospital. All the way, I said The Prayer of Faith and prayed that he would be all right.

The hospital doctor took X rays of his head and found no injury inside his head. The doctor said it was a miracle that he was alive and had no serious injury. At the speed the cab was going he could

have been killed instantly. He took an awful wallop when he hit the road, but not even a bone was broken. As I waited in a room for my husband to come and take us home the baby was still crying, as his head was still hurting him. Again I said The Prayer of Faith. The baby stopped crying and listened to my prayer and gradually went to sleep. While he slept I thanked God for sparing my baby. —*E. B., California.*

Father, I Thank Thee

I REALLY must tell you about my answered prayers. I prayed for a trip to New Orleans to see my mother and brother. Well, two weeks ago the day came when I made the trip.

Always with my first step on the running board I take God with me. So I most certainly took God with me on this long trip from Chicago to New Orleans. We had a beautiful trip. The car ran perfectly, and the sunshine was also beautiful from here to there. Thank God.

We had a wonderful visit. My family loved my children and husband. I asked God for a visit under grace in perfect ways, and my prayers were truly answered.—*Mrs. E. E., Illinois.*

Filled with Plenty

YOUR TEACHINGS have been very helpful to me through the past years, particularly in my marriage. Through our prayers my husband and I received an offer of a house to rent in this crowded city, where

rents are higher and houses much scarcer than anyplace on the mainland. We now have a house that is large enough so that we can have my husband's parents come for a visit. The rent is low enough so that we can afford it, we have a nice yard, and the most wonderful part of all is that our house is located on a mountain that not only has a wonderful view but is dry enough so that we both have felt improvement in a sinus condition. There is really only one thing we can thank for this, and it is God's answer to our prayers.—*L. N., Hawaii.*

I Am the Light

SOME weeks ago I broadcasted the last "Unity Viewpoint" on this station. This terminated a program that it has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to handle for three full years.

When I started broadcasting the "Unity Viewpoint" I was extremely nervous, irritable, discouraged, and generally in a pretty poor condition. To be very candid, when I first started the broadcasting I didn't fully understand what it was all about. Soon however it began to make sense; and the more I did the program the more logical it became to me. Now, at the end of three years, things are quite different. Both inwardly and in my external affairs there has been a tremendous improvement, which I attribute directly to what I have learned about Truth through broadcasting the "Unity Viewpoint."

I could write pages about this improvement, if I should go into details about the matter, but let it suffice to say that I have acquired a philosophy that

is bringing me more of those qualities of success that cannot be purchased at any price.—*E. G., New Jersey.*

Filled with Plenty

I LOANED several hundred dollars to a friend who was in dire need and who, though her needs have been taken care of and she now has a good position, has only paid me twenty dollars out of the hundreds loaned her nearly a year ago. I have prayed about this, and today she phoned me and said she would stop by and see me Friday of this week and pay me two hundred dollars on her debt. And you may know how very grateful I am for that and for your prayers toward that end.—*V. E. B., California.*

THE MIRACLE has happened! We found our location on a lovely eighty-acre farm. Oh, it is a glorious story of study, prayer, confession, petition, and faith in God and His ability to help! And Unity has played such an important part in it all.—*H. H., Kansas.*

Love One Another

I ASKED you to pray with me for the reuniting of our family. Words cannot tell how happy I am that our prayers have been so fully and wonderfully answered. I do thank you with all my heart, but I know too that only God could have healed and reunited our blind, aching, resentful hearts. The wonder of His power is incomprehensible to the intellect. Only our heart and soul can seem to accept the fact of its

immensity—like the sky, it is here and all about us but reaches out to infinity as well.—*S. R., Oregon.*

EARLY this summer I asked you to pray with me for family harmony during our family's cherry harvest season. The season often tires us and causes us all to be on edge. Sometimes small quarrels result, destroying all the beauty of the season.

In April I made a treasure map picturing all the nice things I wanted to happen. With this, a prosperity bank, and your added prayers, I am happy to report that the annual harvest turned out to be the most harmonious, successful, wonderful one we have ever experienced. The weather was ideal; the workers were superior; the fruit perfect in both quantity and quality. Not one storm, not one mean customer! God was surely with us all.—*Mrs. H. D., Ohio.*

My Help Cometh from Jehovah

BE ASSURED there is no substitute for UNITY magazine. I can feel its blessings each time I even pick it up. It has a healing presence that brings me peace, security, and understanding. I like the size of the magazine now too.—*Mrs. F. M., California.*

I CANNOT tell you how happy we are to receive the UNITY magazines every month. They are like good friends, giving us strength and harmony. We always look forward to receiving them. When I see them lying on the table in our little home they give me a feeling of richness and protection, a feeling that we shall get through our difficulties as we grow in Truth. I thank you very much.—*M. M. U., Italy.*

HELP *from Silent* UNITY

These are extracts from letters that Silent Unity has written to those who have asked our help in finding and obeying the divine law of life.

I want to be sanctified and saved. I want to feel the power so that I can jump and scream and shake and speak in unknown tongues, as some of my friends do. I have given up all jewelry and wear long and unattractive dresses so that I can please Christ and be like Him. Tell me how I can feel the power and know that I am saved.—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

We love you, and we desire to help you become more conscious of your oneness with God. The Christ way is the only way. It is the happy, peaceful, joyous way, the way by which God leads those who truly serve Him. When you realize that the Christ lives in you, His radiance will be on your face, His joy will be in your heart, His peace will permeate your whole being; and you will know that you are saved.

You do not need to change your mode of dress in order to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. He wore the seamless robe, a garment so fine that even wealthy persons might have worn it. When you make yourself conspicuous by wearing unattractive dresses you draw criticism and defeat your purpose.

So far as the records show, Jesus in His service to His fellow man and in His communion with

God never jumped, screamed, or displayed an unusual amount of emotionalism. He never conducted Himself in an unseemly way. Jesus daily crossed out of His life the things that would hinder His spiritual development. You must do likewise. He crossed out impatience, intolerance, greed, appetite, and passion, and He replaced them with kindness, meekness, humility, love, and joy.

Pray with us many times a day until you feel new strength, new love, and new courage. You will thus put aside all emotionalism that has been swaying you and causing you to do things that Jesus Christ never would have done.

Peacefully, silently, joyously, God is leading you, and you are radiant with His presence. His love fills your heart. You do not need to speak an unknown tongue. Speak the universal Christ language, the language of love. It heals, it prospers, it will raise you out of darkness into the light. Praise God for the language of love. Through His power we see you led into all Truth.

Is it wrong for me to think of God as some dear elder person whom I love and respect, one who laughs with me, sings with me, walks beside me through every moment of the day? I can't turn to God only when I am solemn. I want Him with me in my happiness too. Am I sacrilegious in my thought, or may I have Him with me every moment of the day? Please do not forget that I emphasize respect and reverence in my relationship. —*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

We rejoice with you in your close, loving, hap-

py companionship with God. As Spirit God permeates every atom of your being. As Spirit He gives Himself wholly to His children in the way that is best adapted to their needs. As love He works in them, making them loving and kind. As joy He sings in their hearts, revealing to them His infinite goodness. As life He renews every part of their bodies, making and keeping them pure and whole. As light He shines into the darkness of the discouraged moment, revealing the upward way, the way of freedom, of wisdom, of release. As strength He upholds the weary and guides them. As compassion He lifts the clouds of depression from the lives of those who mourn.

We never question, never doubt the manner in which God gives Himself to His children, nor do we think it sacrilegious for them to accept Him, love Him, rejoice with Him, and play with Him in the free abandonment of the child heart. Only those who really love and make a companion of God know Him as a great friend that walks with them and talks with them and laughs with them. Only those who have taken His yoke have really found Him to be the counselor who guides them, leads them out of temptation. Only those who have accepted His kinship sense Him as their Father, real, tangible, unfailing.

As we grow Godward we behold His likeness in everybody; then indeed we enter the spiritual kingdom, the kingdom of omnipresence. Then God is not clothed by our imagination in the form of an elderly man, which is the symbol of the divine Father, but He becomes the radiant Spirit, the perfect prin-

ciple which is the solution to every problem.

Yes, you are on the highway. God is guiding you, loving you, rejoicing with you.

"Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing."

For three years I have been using affirmations according to your instructions, and I am still waiting for some manifestation. Why do I not make the demonstration?—*From a letter received by Silent Unity.*

Spiritual development is the education and growth of the soul. Man was not made in a day, neither does he renew and rebuild his mind and body in a day. The affirmations that you use are worthless unless you enter into the spirit of the words and realize that by the power of faith they accomplish that for which they are spoken. There must be realization and receptivity on your part in order that you may receive what you affirm. Doubt, fear, anxiety, or condemnation shut off your clear vision, and hinder the work of Spirit.

As you continue to study and grow in Truth, you will find that you enter the spiritual realm of Being only through your mind or consciousness. Mind offers the only means by which you can contact Divine Mind or God. In order to bring forth the image and likeness of God you must first make contact with God within yourself. Jesus Christ said, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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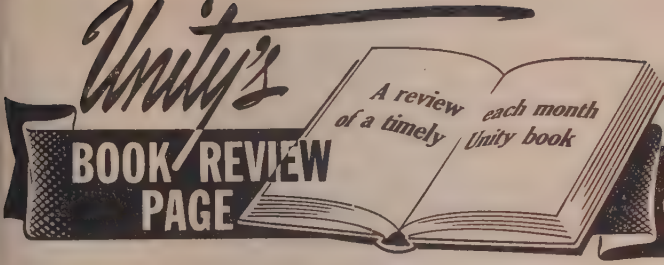
Open Hands

I open my hands, dear Lord;
No clenched and tightened hold
Shall grasp securely what Thy bounty sends
So manifold.
But as a fountain pours upon the laughing stone
Its silver riches, which then break and spray
In myriad rainbows, then unhindered run
To bless another hunger farther on—
So may my gifts unstinted shower from above
On other heads Thy constant flow of love.

—MARGARET WOOTEN



Lovingly in the Hands of the Father

EVELYN WHITELL

Evelyn Whitell found in real life the material from which she wrote her book *Lovingly in the Hands of the Father.* The demonstrations recorded by her were made by men and women as they went about their everyday affairs.

The first story, like the book, is entitled "Lovingly in the Hands of the Father" and is about a woman who wanted to find a better position. Through her use of the Truth she knew she moved out of her menial job as caretaker of a boardinghouse to a trusted and remunerative position as manager of a large hotel.

Another chapter, entitled "There Is an Infinite Power within Us," is about a woman who was thought to be "a nervous wreck." On being drawn into a noonhour church meeting downtown she discovered the silence as practiced by Truth students. Needless to say, this was the beginning of her healing.

There are eight other stories about persons who achieved their heart's desires through trusting God and acknowledging Him as the one power in their life.

(*Lovingly in the Hands of the Father* is priced at $1.)

Appearing in Other Unity Magazines This Month

Faith Triumphs

"A principle cannot work for one person and fail another," writes H. Lee Jones in his *Good Business* article "Trial by Fire." Mr. Jones cites the experience of Lew Reese, president of Scio-Ohio Pottery Company, who began very humbly and achieved success. The article contains an excellent account of Mr. Reese's application of Christian principles to the immense satisfaction of employer and employee. Loving his neighbors, serving his fellow men, and helping his community are not sidelines in the life of Lew Reese. He does not take time *from* his business to concern himself with the little personal problems that loom large in the lives of those about him. To him such things are a part *of* his business.

On the Whole

"Whether we are rich or poor depends not nearly so much on what we have as on how we evaluate what we have. This fact has long been acknowledged by persons who give thought to the causes of happy and comfortable living," writes Cleda Reyner in her *Daily Word* article "On the Whole." It is the same way with situations in life and with persons around us. Members of our family may have many habits that we do not like, but "on the whole" our dear ones are good. Mrs. Reyner, a member of the Silent Unity healing ministry, shows her readers the virtue of evaluating their life not from small incidents but on the whole.

Marian Anderson Says: "Be Still, and Know"

The story of Marian Anderson from her first memories of singing at the age of three through her triumphs in Germany, Norway, Sweden, France, South America, and her own country has been obtained for *Progress* by Dena Reed. To Marian Anderson the very act of singing is a kind of prayer. Her notes come forth full of the pure exaltation of the spirit and she never ceases to give thanks to God for her voice.

Wee Wisdom *Begins New "Jet" Series This Month*

Wee Wisdom readers can look forward to a new series of stories about Jet and Sarah Stockwell, children who came West with their parents in pioneer days. This series begins with the experiences of the family after they had been on their homestead two years. The other two series about the Stockwells that have appeared in *Wee Wisdom* are now available in the books *Jet's Adventures* and *Jet and the New Country,* which are listed on the next page.

The Principle That Works

When we undertake to be strictly practical we are likely to discover in the long run that we have not been practical at all in a deeper and more lasting way. When we resort to what we term methods of expedience the final outcome is apt to show that expedience is really inexpedience. In his article entitled "The Principle That Works" in the December 5 issue of *Weekly Unity* Winfred Rhoades discusses the principle that really works: love.

Unity Books and Booklets

For Beginners	Beginning Again — standard only	$1.0
	God a Present Help — standard only	1.0
	God Is the Answer — *Dutch* $1; *English*	1.0
	How I Used Truth — *German* $1; *English*	1.0
	Lessons in Truth — standard only	1.0
	Lessons in Truth — *German, Russian, Spanish, Dutch*	1.0
	Letters of Myrtle Fillmore — standard only	1.0
	Lovingly in the Hands of the Father — standard only	1.0
	New Ways to Solve Old Problems — de luxe $2; standard	1.0
	Six-Day Healing Practice, A — *Spanish* $.10; *English*	.2
	Great Physician, The — standard only	1.0
	Mental Equivalent, The — *German,* $.10; *Russian*	.1
	Whatsoever Ye Shall Ask — de luxe $2; standard	1.0
For Healing	Christian Healing — de luxe $2; standard	1.0
	Christian Healing — *German*	1.0
	Divine Remedies	.5
	Jesus Christ Heals — standard only	1.0
	Truth Ideas of an M. D. — standard only	1.0
	You Can Be Healed — standard only	1.0
For the Home	Meatless Meals — cloth	1.5
	You and Your Child — de luxe $2; standard	1.0
For Prosperity	As You Tithe so You Prosper	.5
	Both Riches and Honor — *French* $1; *English*	1.0
	Prosperity — standard only	1.0
	Prosperity's Ten Commandments — standard only	1.0
	Working with God — standard only	1.0
For Inspiration	Best-Loved Unity Poems — standard only	1.0
	Finding the Christ *Russian, German, Swedish* $.10; *English*	.2
	Have We Lived Before? — de luxe $2; standard	1.0
	Mightier than Circumstance — standard only	1.0
	Sunlit Way, The — de luxe $2; standard	1.0
For Devotion	Bible, American Standard Edition	5.00
	Book of Silent Prayer	.50
	Contemplation of Christ, The	.50
	Effectual Prayer — standard only	1.00
	Silence, The	.50
	Unity Song Selections — cloth	1.00
For Advanced Study	Christ Enthroned in Man — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Know Thyself — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Metaphysical Bible Dictionary	5.00
	Mysteries of Genesis — standard only	1.00
	Mysteries of John — standard only	1.00
	Talks on Truth — standard only	1.00
	Teach Us to Pray — de luxe $2; standard	1.00
	Twelve Powers of Man, The — standard only	1.00
	What Are You? — de luxe $2; standard	1.00

Greeting Booklets

Are you Getting All You Want from Life?	.10	Good News, The	.10
Be at Peace	.10	Holy Bread	.10
Breath of Immortality	.10	Land Is Bright, The	.10
Challenge of the Dawn, The	.10	Life Is Consciousness	.10
Christmas Spirit, The	.10	Mental Equivalent, The	.10
Daily Resurrections	.10	Prayer of Prayers	.10
First Things First	.10	Protecting Presence, The	.10
Gift Imperishable, The	.10	Recipes for Living	.10
Great Helper, The		Song of Life, The	.10
French, English	.10	To Them That Ask	.10
God Is Blessing You Now	.10	Way of Faith, The	.10
		White as Cotton	.10

(12 copies of these booklets for $1. Envelopes included)

For Children	Jet's Adventures	1.00
	Jet and the New Country	1.00

NEWS *from* UNITY

Unity Magazines Make Welcomed Gifts

A friend in Quebec, Canada, writes: "I have been receiving *Weekly Unity* since Christmas and can truthfully say that it is my favorite gift. It has brought me a great deal of courage and comfort. I truly believe that God can perform miracles for any one of us."

A friend in Illinois writes: "Please renew my subscription for *Progress*. It was sent to me as a gift, but the first issues did not arouse my interest. When I received one that did impress me I began using the suggestions for happier living, and before long I was getting excellent results."

A friend in Washington writes: "*Good Business* was given me as a gift. I have enjoyed it and benefited from it in many ways. This is my second renewal."

A friend in New York writes: "Everyone to whom I have sent Unity literature has prospered in some way, each in the way that seemed to meet his personal desires."

Have You Ordered Unity Greeting Booklets?

Have you had the joy of receiving the praise and thanks of some friend to whom you sent a Unity greeting booklet? Mrs. G. E. G. of Pennsylvania writes of her experience with greeting booklets as follows:

"Last Christmas I sent twenty-four greeting booklets to my friends, and I must say that I never spent two dollars that gave so much in return. Everyone who received a booklet called to thank me and to tell how much he had enjoyed it."

On the opposite page is a complete list of greeting booklets.

"It Will Be Taken Care Of"

In her article in the January issue of *Unity* magazine Kathryn Sanders Rieder tells how a young woman and her husband found an attractive apartment in a private home in a badly overcrowded college town. The rent was rea-

sonable and other details indicated that this young couple were rewarded for their confidence in their good. Everyone was glad to help them as they established their new home.

"It will be taken care of" —to carry this thought in our consciousness through the day and night is to relieve ourselves of tension and anxiety, because we rely on a power beyond our own. We can depend on the promise:

"He will give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways."

Mrs. Rieder's article is entitled "It Will Be Taken Care Of."

Wee Wisdom *Readers Complimented by District Attorney*

A mother in Californi writes as follows: "Our chil dren were called as witnesse in a very important court case When the district attorne asked them if they knew th difference between truth an falsehood they answered tha they did. He asked them hov they knew the difference They explained that *Wee Wis dom* had taught them to b truthful and that The Praye of Faith, which they repeated helped them to remember t be always truthful. They wer then complimented by th district attorney and so wer we, their parents, for startin them out on the right path."

Wee Wisdom is Unity'

magazine for children fror five to thirteen years of ag It is an ideal magazine fo the children's character-form ing years and contains ente taining stories and other fea tures that help to round ou the child's experiences.

Daily Word *Goes from Patient to Patient*

In requesting that *Daily Word* be sent to the library of a State hospital for another year the librarian writes: "We have five thousand patients in this hospital. You don't have any idea how much *Daily Word* is appreciated and loved. I don't think we could get along without it. It goes from employee to patient and from patient to patient until it is worn out. Even patients who are now on parole come back to the library to read it."

Daily Word and other Unity publications are distributed to this hospital and many others throughout the country as well as to prisons,

homes for the aged, and other institutions by Silent-70, Unity's free-literature department. Unity is assisted in its Silent-70 work by loyal friends who ask that their love offerings be used to provide literature for persons in institutions and other persons who are in need of Truth so that they may know its message of spiritual freedom.

Progress *Presents New "Hilde" Series*

One of the most beloved fictional characters ever to march across the pages of

Progress is Hilde, Swedish-American housewife, who with her husband Ole has built a happy home and reared a family. Their teen-age twins are going to be very important figures in the new Hilde series beginning in January. What the rest of the crowd is doing as well as many other teen-age situations confronts Hilde and Ole. Both parents and young people will enjoy this series, for it contains many down-to-earth ways of using Truth in everyday life.

When ordering *Wee Wisdom* for the children on your Christmas list remember that the subscription rate is now $2 a year.

Our Gift for the Christ

If in this twentieth century we had the privilege on Christmas Day of laying a birthday gift at the feet of Jesus, what would that gift be? What would we choose? What would please Him

most? What would bring Him the greatest joy?

Perhaps we may find our best answer in the joyous spirit that pervades the whole world at Christmas time. It is then that we feel the Christ in our heart and express Him in love for our fellow men, in thought, in word, and in deed. We express Him in thought—the loving thought we have about others when selecting gifts to fulfill their heart's desire. We express Him in word when we say, "Merry Christmas," and sing, "On earth peace, good will toward men." We express Him in deed when we open our heart and our arms and our home to receive all our friends and neighbors and the stranger within our gates in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving and brotherhood. At Christmas we are hospitable even "unto . . . the least of these." This is our greatest gift to the Christ—our grasping even for so short a time the meaning of Christ's birth and the reason for His coming; our coming at last to know that the way we think and speak and act at Christmas time is the way He would have us think and speak and act at all times—this is the gift He would choose above all other gifts.

Friends of Unity, through your giving of Unity books and magazines throughout the year you have helped to express Him in thought and word and deed.

You have helped many others to express Him also. May God bless you for your part in spreading Truth, in enabling others to make their gift to the Christ.

When you write to Silent Unity, please state your problem and make your prayer request on a sheet of paper separate from your book and subscription orders and other business details. This will enable us to co-operate with you in prayer at the same time the other items are being handled.

SMALL GIFTS WITH GREAT MESSAGES
UNITY GREETING BOOKLETS

Convenient, inexpensive gifts that will command instant and approving attention are the Unity greeting booklets. Their attractive appearance and their great yet simple spiritual message will warm the hearts of your friends, will help them understand your love for them and for the Truth you want them to know.

New Greeting Booklet for Christmas, 1948

To Them That Ask

TO THEM THAT ASK, by Priscilla May Moore, is an attractive and comprehensive discussion of the subject of prayer. Mrs. Moore explains how a better acquaintance with the teachings of Jesus about the nature and will of God and a better knowledge of the methods He used in prayer will enable us to pray as He prayed and to obtain the perfect answer to our prayers.

Other Greeting Booklets

The Christmas Spirit, First Things First, The Gift Imperishable, God Is Blessing You Now, Holy Bread, Life Is Consciousness, The Mental Equivalent, Prayer of Prayers, The Protecting Presence, Recipes for Living, Song of Life.

Unity greeting booklets are artistic, colorful, and printed on fine paper. With them come attractive Christmas mailing envelopes requiring only one cent postage. (Booklets are sent to you for remailing; we do not address them individually to your friends.)

Price, 10 cents each; 12 assorted (your selection or ours) for $1.

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UNITY BOOKS for CHRISTMAS GIVING

Lovingly in the Hands of the Father. Evelyn Whitell presents real-life stories of people who found that trusting God can help them overcome problems of fear, lack, and unhappiness.

Jesus Christ Heals. Charles Fillmore's book that has helped thousands realize that perfect health is their natural birthright. A companionable volume for anyone seeking health.

Both Riches and Honor. A common-sense view of prosperity by Annie Rix Militz. Simply stated, step-by-step instructions by which even friends new in Truth may claim their good.

Talks on Truth. A volume of fourteen of Charles Fillmore's inspired messages that present the very heart of the Unity teaching.

New Ways to Solve Old Problems. Lowell Fillmore shows how human problems can be solved in a practical, permanent way. Inspires a reader to turn to God for the solution of every problem.

What Are You? Imelda Octavia Shanklin gives you the assurance that you come into this world equipped to meet every demand the world can make upon you.

We will send these books direct to your friends if you wish. They will be held in our office for Christmas mailing, and an attractive gift announcement bearing your name will accompany each book.

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Unity—Your friends will be inspired and stimulated to greater spiritual unfoldment by the articles on metaphysics and on spiritual healing to be found in this progressive Truth magazine. Price, $1 a year.

Weekly Unity—A cheerful visitor for the friend to whom the study of Truth is new. Since it goes into his home every week, it is a constant invitation to apply Truth to his problems. Price, $1 a year.

Good Business—For businessmen and businesswomen. Devoted to accounts of how Christian principles are working in business. Entertaining as well as informative. Price, $1 a year.

Progress—For the young in heart—seventeen or seventy. A gift of homey reading to encourage them on their gallant march toward happier living. Price, $1 a year.

Wee Wisdom—A gift that will thrill and inspire all boys and girls from five to thirteen. A magazine filled with things that children most enjoy—stories, games, poems, cutouts, puzzles, things to do and to make. Price, $2 a year.

Gift subscriptions begin with the Christmas issue, which will reach your friends just before Christmas, and include a lovely folder announcing that the gift is from you. **Wee Wisdom** is $2 a year; all other magazines are $1 a year.

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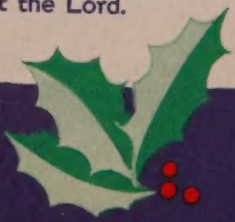
O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
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O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.